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HARMONY HOVERS OVER DEMOCRATS

National Convention Opened in St. Louis This Morning with Not a Contest in Sight—Even Vice Presidential Question Seems Settled in Favor of Marshall

ST. LOUIS, June 14. — Wilson and Marshall and victory in November was the program of the delegates who crowded into the big Coliseum today for the opening session of the Democratic national convention. There probably was not one Democrat who went into the building who recalled when a national convention of that party entered upon its work with more harmony than that which prevailed among the delegates.

According to the leaders there will be no friction over the party's declaration of principles. Only the phraseology of a few planks in the platform remained to be agreed upon. Party managers hoped to enliven the session by calling on old members of the convention to make speeches at odd moments during the session.

Quite in contrast to the Republican convention at Chicago, where more than a score of different kinds of buttons were worn announcing "favorite sons" candidates for president there was but one button seen on delegates and that carried a likeness of President Wilson. Those who did not have on a button of President Wilson were a button of their favorite candidate for vice president, Thomas R. Marshall of Indiana, Roger C. Sullivan of Illinois, Governor Major of Missouri, or Governor Morehead of Nebraska, but only one of these appeared to be in the running, the present vice president.

At 11:20, 40 minutes before the time for the convention to be called to order, there were not more than 20 delegates on the floor. Only a few officials were on the platform and the galleries were filling slowly. There was little excitement and the bands that marched with the delegations from downtown furnished the only amusement for the crowd. Carpenters were beating a tattoo in putting finishing touches upon the hall as the delegates filed in.

The delegates and alternates had seats on the main floor arranged like a high oblong wedge with its broad side toward the platform. The seats are jammed together, arrangements for both delegates and spectators being much more congested than at either convention at Chicago. The only picture of President Wilson was hung on the speakers' stand. It was a small reproduction of a photograph on a shield with a background of the flag, and bore the inscription "America First."

Denunciation of the use of militia and armed guards against organized workers is contained in an industrial plank proposed by Frank P. Walsh, former chairman of the federal industrial relations commission, to Senator Stone, who will be chairman of the resolutions committee. The proposed plank also declares the right of labor unions to organize.

Platform building was continued by potential leaders of the party today so as to have much of the work in readiness for consideration by the resolutions committee.

First Baptist Church

The regular meeting of the Christian Endeavor society will be held in the chapel this evening at 7:30. Subject, The Will and the Way. Leader, Charles Dunbar. Consecration meeting. All young people are cordially invited.

In Odd Fellows' Temple

Dennis Robekah lodge will give a military whist party in the banquet hall of Odd Fellows' temple next Friday evening, June 16, at 8 o'clock. Tickets 25 cents. Refreshments. Proceeds to be used for the Robekah parlor.

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lutions committee. The committee is expected to organize late today, receive drafts of planks and hand them over to a sub-committee for consideration. It is probable a public hearing will be given, probably Thursday, to suffragists, labor leaders, and others who have planks they desire inserted in the platform. Anti-suffragists will also be given a hearing, it is said.

Expressions of approval were heard today regarding the suggested plan to win over the members of the Progressive party by making overtures to them in the Democratic platform. Secretary Baker, in discussing this phase of the political situation, said the party leaders hoped to get the Progressive support by drawing a platform that will meet with their approval.

When National Chairman McCombs called the convention to order 12,000 delegates, alternates and spectators packed the Coliseum to the roof. After a verse of America had been sung, Rev. James W. Lee of St. Louis offered prayer. After the prayer Chairman McCombs delivered a brief address. After the roll call the keynote speech, printed in another column, was delivered by Martin H. Glynn of New York.

WILSON AT HEAD OF CAPITAL PARADE

Nearly 75,000 Men, Women and Children March in Washington—Speech This Afternoon.

WASHINGTON, June 14. — Led by President Wilson carrying the stars and stripes, nearly 75,000 men, women and children of Washington marched up broad Pennsylvania avenue today in a preparedness parade arranged to emphasize the national capital's demand for an adequate army and navy.

The President attired in white trousers, blue coat and straw hat, stepped briskly to martial airs played by the United States marine band. He smiled broadly and frequently raised his hat in response to cheers. Ideal weather favored the demonstration.

In front of the White House the President left the line of march and took his place in the stand to review the parade. He was joined there by Mrs. Wilson and all members of the cabinet now in the city.

Besides marching himself he had prepared an address on "America First," to be delivered in the afternoon at an open air meeting south of the White House.

The celebration was planned in response to a proclamation issued by the President, calling the people of the nation to celebrate flag day this year with special ceremonies. The parade was destined as a strictly non-partisan affair. No regular military organizations were permitted to march because Secretaries Baker and Daniels thought it would be improper for professional soldiers or sailors to participate.

Secretaries Baker, Daniels and Houston were out of the city attending the Democratic national convention at St. Louis, but other members of the cabinet agreed to walk at the head of the officials and employees of their departments.

A jury was drawn this morning in the municipal court to hear the suit of Warren G. Doolittle against John Moore of Newfane. This is an ejectment proceeding. Mr. Doolittle bought of Mr. Moore a farm in Newfane and the trouble has arisen over the time that Mr. Moore was to remain on the farm. He claims that he was to remain there a year and Mr. Doolittle insists that a few months was the time limit. The case will be heard June 26.

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PEACE AND PROSPERITY

Theme of Glynn's Keynote Speech to Democrats at St. Louis

PARTY PROUD OF PRESIDENT WILSON

Who is Characterized as Wise, Firm, Patient, Patriotic, a Statesman who Has Kept the Country True to its Faith in Trying Times.

ST. LOUIS, June 14.—With the assertion that no president since the Civil war has had as crucial problems to solve; and no president has displayed a grasp more sure, a statesmanship more profound, as President Wilson, Hon. Martin H. Glynn, former governor of New York, opened the Democratic national convention here today. Declaring that "Americanism and peace, preparedness and prosperity" are the issues upon which the Democratic party stands, and the heart of democracy swells with pride that is more than a pride of party, as it hails the man who has asserted this Americanism, Glynn, in his keynote speech, declared that the Democratic party is proud of President Wilson.

Taking up our foreign relations that have been called into emphatic prominence by the world-wide war the speaker declared that "We have entered this hall as Democrats; we shall deliberate as Americans." The policy of neutrality, he argued, is as truly American as the American flag. For two hundred years neutrality was a theory; America made it a fact. "It took Washington and his successors eighty years of endless negotiation to win recognition of American neutrality. And this eighty years of struggle wore the doctrine of neutrality so closely into the warp and woof of our national life that to tear it out now would unravel the very threads of our existence." By the records of history Mr. Glynn maintained that if Washington and Lincoln were right, President Wilson is right. The neutrality that President Wilson stands for today was advocated by Washington, by Hamilton, by Jefferson and by Lincoln.

In citing precedents Mr. Glynn justified and defended the course of the president in the Lusitania and similar incidents. "In the face of this record," he asked, "Do Republicans realize that when they arraign the policy of the President of the United States today they arraign the policy of Harrison, of Lincoln, and of Grant?" For the pleasure of criticizing a Democratic President, are they willing to read out of the Republican party the greatest men the Republican party ever had? Are they willing to say that the Republican party of today condemns what Hamilton did in revolutionary days, what Lincoln did in Civil war days and what Grant and Blaine and Harrison did but yesterday?

"In his policy of peaceful negotiations today the President of the United States follows the example set him by the greatest presidents who the Democratic party and the greatest presidents the Republican party ever gave this nation."

Mr. Glynn impressed on his hearers that it was the business of this convention "representing every section of the United States, speaking for every racial strain in America, to send forth a message to all the world that will leave no room for doubt."

"We must enable every real American to stand up and assert his Americanism. We must make the issue so clear that every ballot box in the land may become a monument to the loyalty of American manhood."

"The citizens of the country must stand behind their President because his policies are right. They will stand behind him because his policies are the policies which have brought the nation a century of prosperous and honored peace. They will stand behind him because they want these policies continued, that prosperity prolonged, that peace assured."

UNIVERSALISTS MEET IN BELLOWS FALLS

Reports Show Churches to Be in Good Condition—Rev. D. E. Trout of Brattleboro Preaches Sermon.

(Special to The Reformer.)
BELLOWS FALLS, June 14. Thirty-five delegates were present at the 82d annual meeting of the Windham and Bennington Association of Universalists in the Universalist church yesterday. There were morning, afternoon and evening sessions.

The morning session opened at 10:30 o'clock with devotional services by Rev. V. E. Blagbrough of Bellows Falls. He opened the convention and the reports of the secretary and treasurer were read. The report of the treasurer showed the association in better financial condition than ever before. Reports of parish activities were given. This was a new feature of the association's meetings and proved to be interesting. Rev. Roger F. Etz, superintendent of the social service department of the General Sunday School association, spoke on Social Service in the Sunday School and presented his report with some new and valuable ideas in regard to social work that may be carried on by the Sunday schools.

Following a dinner, served by women of the church, the afternoon service was opened with prayer by Rev. D. E. Trout of Brattleboro. Rev. George Studson Delano of Chester spoke. His subject was Eyes That See. Rev. Dr. Delano recently came to Vermont from South Carolina and his address made a pleasing impression.

These officers were elected: President, Rev. Vernon E. Blagbrough of Bellows Falls; vice president, Rev. F. M. Hissell of Wilmington; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. F. C. Sargent of Brattleboro; executive committee, Mrs. B. A. Whittemore of Guilford, Mrs. Nellie C. Jewett of Bellows Falls and Mrs. H. A. Staten of Vernon.

Easy Come, Easy Go, was the subject of an address by Rev. George F. Fortier, state superintendent of churches. Rev. Mr. Fortier has been heard here many times, but never to better advantage than yesterday, when his subject brought to attention many vital topics of the day. A mission circle symposium in charge of Mrs. Alice J. Allen of Waterloo, P. Q., superintendent of the Woman's Missionary society, brought out some interesting information in regard to the work of that organization.

The women of the church served supper at 5:30 o'clock which was largely attended.

At 7 o'clock a service of worship was held. The sermon was by Rev. Rev. Delmar E. Trout of Brattleboro, whose subject was, What Must I Do to Be Saved? He presented a decidedly interesting subject in a characteristically interesting way.

NO PETTY POLITICS.

Wilson Opposed to Plank in Relation to Federal Judges.

WASHINGTON, June 14. — Efforts to insert a plank in the Democratic platform favoring a law to prohibit federal judges from leaving the bench to accept an elective office will not be countenanced by President Wilson. Administration officials let it be known today that the President has sent word to St. Louis that he did not want any petty politics played.

THE WEATHER.

Ah! They're Coming Back — Showers Again Predicted.

WASHINGTON, June 14. — The weather forecast: Partly cloudy tonight probably followed by showers in early morning or on Thursday. Light to moderate variable winds.

said, has measured up to the best traditions of his country, and there "He has been wise with a wisdom that is steeped in the traditions of his country, with a wisdom that has been disciplined by training and broadened by instruction."

"He has been firm with the firmness that proceeds from deep conviction, with the firmness that is grounded in a clear and well defined ideal."

"He has been patient with the patience which believes and trusts that truth crushed to earth will rise again, with the patience that can endure and wait, watch and pray, for the certain vindication of justice, humanity and right."

PAID \$1,510 FOR ONE COW

Holyoke Man Buys Five-Year-Old at Sale on Valley Fair Grounds

17 THIS FORENOON AT AVERAGE OF \$387

F. H. Metcalf of Holyoke Heaviest Purchaser—Eight Animals Cost Him \$3,860—L. C. Lovell of Bellows Falls Also Heavy Buyer.

Prices climbed this morning from the records of yesterday at the auction sale of registered Holstein cattle on the Valley fair grounds by the Purebred Live Stock Sales Co., Inc., of Brattleboro. Seventeen head sold this morning averaged \$387 each.

The top price this morning was \$1,510 paid by F. H. Metcalf of Holyoke, Mass., for Thrysa Cornucopia 156574, five years and two months old, bred by M. H. Douglass of North Charleston, N. H., and consigned to the sale by George A. Hosmer of Chester Depot. The cow is now milking 70 pounds of milk a day and is claimed to be the best cow ever led into a sales ring in New England. The bidding on this animal was brisk until the \$1,200 mark was passed when bids dropped in size and number. Prices ranged downward from \$1,510 to \$140, with six animals selling for over \$400 and two over \$500.

Mr. Metcalf up to this noon was by far the heaviest purchaser, his purchases of eight cows calling for a check for \$3,860, an average of \$482.50 per animal. He is expected to make further purchases of high grade stock this afternoon.

L. C. Lovell of Bellows Falls, who bought heavily yesterday, was in second place as a heavy buyer this noon. 12 head costing him \$1,360, and D. W. Wright of Cambridge, N. Y., was rapidly closing up on the leaders at the noon adjournment for luncheon with a little payment of \$1,110 to make for three animals, an average of \$370. F. W. Weeden of Bellows Falls had paid \$950 for seven head, most of his purchases having been made yesterday. Sixty-four animals were sold yesterday for \$11,520, an average of \$180. The top price paid was \$460 for a five-year-old cow from the Mt. Hermon Boys' school herd. The animal was Anggie Grace Creamelle 152369, sold to Mr. Metcalf.

About the same number of buyers were present this morning as there were yesterday, but the bidding, as the quality of the animals offered improved, grew brisker and not so many small bids were made. Frequently bids jumped \$50 at a time and came rapidly.

The unexpected appearance of fine weather after the long wet spell forced many farmers, who otherwise would have been present, to remain at home and do work that otherwise would have been done in time to permit them to attend the sale. The sale will close late this afternoon.

OFFICIALS STIRRED BY FALSE ALARMS

Commissioners Offer Reward of \$50 For Arrest and Conviction of Persons Causing Them.

The village commissioners have offered a reward of \$50 for the arrest and conviction of a person sounding a false alarm of fire. This offer is in response of the frequency with which false alarms have been sounded in the last three months and the authority vested in the commissioners at the last village meeting.

HUGHES AT HEADQUARTERS.

Confers With Leaders and Opens Quantity of Mail—Plans Indefinite.

NEW YORK, June 14.—With no definite appointments in prospect today but prepared to confer with many callers with political and personal missions, Charles E. Hughes, Republican candidate for president, entered his headquarters in hotel Astor shortly before noon. He had spent the early hours in opening letters and telegrams which came during the night and he stated that it will be physically impossible for him to answer the majority of them.

Early callers included John Hays Hammond, George W. Wickesham, and other Republican leaders. Everett C. Gaby of New Jersey, a Progressive leader, was expected to call on Mr. Hughes today. He visited the headquarters yesterday, but found the candidate absent.

Mr. Hughes' campaign plans were still indefinite today. He will remain here until Saturday afternoon when he will go out of town over the week-end, returning late Sunday night or early Monday and on Monday will start for Providence to address Brown university graduates.

Extensive deposits of asbestos, with a longer fiber than any mineral heretofore known have been discovered in the Transvaal.

NUMEROUS PLOTS FOR DEMONSTRATION

Soy Beans Planted in Various Parts of Windham County — Statistics of County Agent's Work.

In County Agricultural Agent A. W. Sweeten's monthly bulletin to members of the association reviewing the work for May is contained a list of those having demonstration plots of soy beans this season. Relative to soy beans and to the statistics of the agent's work the bulletin says:

"A review of the county work for the month of May shows that most of the agent's time was spent in the field making farm visits and arranging for demonstration plots. During the month 146 farm visits have been made, 93 letters have been written, 13 persons have called at the office, there have been 63 telephone calls to and from the office, and seven meetings have been held with an attendance of 338. Most of these visits have been made in response to a call or for the purpose of planning out a demonstration plot. After the demonstrations are arranged an effort will be made to visit every member as soon as possible. If you want something at once be sure and let us know."

"At this time it may be interesting to know whom we are depending on for soy bean demonstration plots this season. In most cases soy beans are planted both with ensilage corn and by themselves in order to demonstrate both methods. In all cases some of the beans are being left un inoculated in order to show the necessity of using inoculation for this crop. Many of these plots are on the highway and a sign will soon be posted so that the plot can be recognized and watched as the crop develops. Many others are trying the sows for the first time, but the enclosed list gives those that we have listed as demonstrators thus far:

H. W. Frost, East Putney; A. A. Dunklee, South Vernon; U. U. Brigham, Jacksonville; Smith Bros., Brookline; A. W. Radway, Newfane; S. A. Morrill, Williamsville; C. L. Adams, Marlboro; S. H. Minard, Westminster; West, Fort; rest Boyd, Wilmington; L. H. Adams, Wilmington; C. Streeter, West Wardboro; W. D. Dompier, Grafton; W. S. Pratt, Brattleboro; Fred W. Watson, Townsend; W. A. Miller, Dummerston; C. A. Peck, Westminster; P. T. Randall, North Ferrisburgh; Fred Hanson, Putney; H. J. Hastings, Athens; W. F. Morehouse, Athens; Wallace Allen, Jacksonville; Leon Bogle, West Dover; Henry Stoddard, Rockingham; E. F. Evans, Guilford.

"Wherever it seems advisable meetings will be held at these plots this fall to look over the crop, and to listen to the details of planting and harvesting, and hear of the results, etc., that are being obtained in other parts of the county. Make it a point to watch these plots through the summer and to attend these meetings."

F. B. PUTNAM CHOSEN GRAND COMMANDER

Brattleboro Man Heads Knights Templar of State — M. C. Houghton Grand Prelate.

BURLINGTON, June 14. — The Knights Templar branch of the Vermont Masonic jurisdiction held away yesterday in the exercises of Masonic week, the 74th annual meeting of the grand commandery of Vermont being held in the Masonic temple with Right Eminent Sir Edward L. Bates of Burlington, grand commander, in the chair. The annual address of Col. Bates, gave the condition of the commandery, which is excellent, and rehearsed the work of the year.

Reports were also made by other grand officers.

Frank B. Putnam of Brattleboro was elected to succeed Col. Bates as commander with Elroy B. Whitaker of Barre deputy commander. Frederick H. Babbitt of Bellows Falls, grand captain general, William H. Riddle of Bristol grand senior warden, William H. Herriek of Montpelier grand junior warden, Frank Adams of Bellows Falls grand treasurer, H. H. Ross of this city grand recorder, and Major C. Houghton of Brattleboro grand prelate.

The grand council met last evening. Charles H. Heaton of Montpelier, 33d degree, who has been grand treasurer of the Grand Council of the state for the last 30 years, declined to be a candidate for the office at the annual election. Mr. Heaton succeeded the late Judge Alfred A. Hall of St. Albans.

Today and tomorrow will be grand lodge days and representatives from practically every subordinate lodge in the jurisdiction are in the city.

BURIED BY GRAVEL SLIDE.

Mark Thompson Died After Being Dug Out by Companions.

(Special to The Reformer.)
BURLINGTON, June 14. Mark Thompson, 18, of Shelburne Farms, was buried in a slide at the gravel pit near the Farms today and both legs were broken. He died after being dug out by two companions who were also partly buried. The men were loading a wagon with gravel.

ORDERS CAFES CLOSED.

State Attorney Acts at Rutland on Complaint of License Commissioner.

RUTLAND, Vt., June 14. — Acting on a complaint received in a letter from License Commissioner F. H. Burnham of this city State Attorney C. V. Poulin last night ordered the cafes conducted by the local lodges of Eagles, Elks and Moose closed, if in such places intoxicants were being sold.

CRACKSMEN WRECK SAFE

Enter Saxtons River Post-office and Secure Small Haul

FRAGMENTS BLOWN ALL OVER ROOM

Explosion Heard by Several About 1.30 This Morning — Registered Letter Containing \$20 Secured — Probably Professionals.

(Special to The Reformer.)

SAXTONS RIVER, June 14. Cracksmen who are believed to have been professionals blew open the safe in the postoffice here about 1:30 o'clock this morning. The explosion completely wrecked the safe and caused considerable damage about the room.

The haul was comparatively small. A registered letter containing \$20 was taken, and less than \$5 in change. A large book of stamps, about \$100 worth, was overlooked and a bag containing change and the key to the safe, hidden in the room, was not found. Some postal savings certificates were taken, but it is believed that nothing can be realized on them.

Patrick Hartly is postmaster, and the building in which the office is located stands across the street from the Saxtons River Inn. About 1:30 o'clock several persons in that locality heard the explosion but thought it was due to boys' pranks and paid no particular attention to it. When people began passing the place on their way to work, however, it was discovered that a burglary had been committed.

The yeggs gained admittance by breaking the glass in the double front door, reaching through and pulling up the bolt which fastened one door at the bottom and then forcing both doors in.

They used nitroglycerine in blowing up the safe. Pieces of the safe were scattered all over the room, some going into the wall. One piece went through a mail bag hanging in the room. The force of the explosion broke much of the furniture and a typewriter.

Deputy Sheriff George P. Alexander was on the scene soon after the burglary was discovered and began an investigation.

It is believed that the burglary is the work of an automobile gang that cracked the safe in the Williamstown (Vt.) postoffice Monday morning.

GOLDEN WEDDING AT DR. G. B. HUNTER'S

His Parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hunter of Ilion, N. Y., Surprised by Arrival of Relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hunter of Ilion, N. Y., are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary today in the home of their son, Dr. George B. Hunter of West Brattleboro, with whom they are spending the summer. The first inkling that they had of the affair came yesterday, when two automobiles carrying the other members of their family, from Ilion and Providence, R. I., arrived at Dr. Hunter's, which was a very pleasant and happy surprise. The guests who are here are Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Hunter and son, Walter, of Ilion, Rev. and Mrs. William Hunter and son and daughter, Friend and Batina, of Providence, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hunter of Ilion.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter were married in Syracuse, N. Y., 50 years ago today. Mrs. Hunter's maiden name was Henrietta Van Gunster. Mr. Hunter was a gunsmith until about 15 years ago, when he retired from business. He is an Old Fellow and both Mr. and Mrs. Hunter are members of the Baptist church in Ilion.

They were presented a substantial sum of money in gold by their children.

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